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Mr. Kevin Thorpe
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Dear Mr. Thorpe:

On June 18, 2001, Rod Whiteman of my staff conducted an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Although no defoliation was detected at your site, approximately 3.3 acres of moderate defoliation (31-60 percent) and 3.6 acres of heavy defoliation (61-100 percent) were detected on adjacent lands (Figure 1).

If you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2002, please contact Brad Onken or Rod by letter or telephone (304) 285-1541 before August 24, 2001.

Please contact Rod at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

Arlyn W. Perkey

for JOHN W. HAZEL
Field Representative
Morgantown Field Office

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Figure 1. -- Gypsy moth defoliation at the Beltsville Agriculture Research Station, June 18, 2001.